

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1           Claim 1 (currently amended): A card holding structure  
2           in a portable terminal apparatus, for fitting a card by  
3           sliding and for holding the card, comprising:

4           a card connector fixed in a card fitting portion  
5           provided inside a housing of the portable terminal  
6           apparatus;

7           a holding portion provided in a front portion, as  
8           viewed in a card sliding direction, of the card connector,  
9           and holding a front portion of the card; ~~and~~

10          an inner wall surface of a cover for the housing of  
11          the portable terminal apparatus, said inner wall surface  
12          holding a rear portion of the card; and

13          a housing-side stopper formed by a resilient piece  
14          having an end fixed to the card fitting portion.

1           Claim 2 (original): The card holding structure  
2           according to claim 1, wherein said card connector has two  
3           sets of contact portions which are respectively disposed at  
4           forward and rearward positions in the card sliding  
5           direction, so as to establish electrical contact with the  
6           card.

1           Claim 3 (original): The card holding structure  
2           according to claim 1, wherein the card fitting portion  
3           includes a recessed portion recessed in an inner surface of  
4           the housing, and a sliding movement of the card is guided  
5           by side wall surfaces of the recessed portion.

          Claim 4 (cancelled)

1           Claim 5 (original): The card holding structure  
2           according to claim 4, wherein a tip portion of the housing-  
3           side stopper is directed toward a direction perpendicular  
4           to the card sliding direction.

1           Claim 6 (original): The card holding structure  
2           according to claim 1, wherein the cover serves as a battery  
3           housing.

1           Claim 7 (original): The card holding structure  
2           according to claim 1, wherein the cover includes a cover-  
3           side stopper projecting toward the card fitting portion.

1           Claim 8 (original): The card holding structure  
2           according to claim 7, wherein the cover-side stopper  
3           prevents the card from coming off rearward in the card  
4           sliding direction.

1           Claim 9 (original): The card holding structure  
2           according to claim 7, wherein the cover-side stopper  
3           presses the card at a position above a contact portion of  
4           the card.

1           Claim 10 (original): The card holding structure  
2           according to claim 7, wherein the cover-side stopper is  
3           disposed in a region opposing the cutout provided at a  
4           corner of the card.

1           Claim 11 (currently amended): A portable terminal  
2           apparatus comprising:

3           a housing including a card connector into which a card  
4           is slidably fitted and is held, the card connector  
5           including a holding portion provided in a front portion, as  
6           viewed in a card sliding direction, of the card connector;

7           a cover engaging said housing and including a pressing  
8           portion provided on an inner wall surface thereof so as to  
9           press a rear portion of the card; and

10          a housing-side stopper formed by a resilient piece  
11          having an end fixed to the housing.